



Minutes of FACT Meeting

Date: 12 May 2014

Present: Mrs J Caudwell Mrs A Kemp
Mrs M Ostler Mr A Somerville
Mrs D Macdonald Rev C Alsbury
Mrs A Vicars-Barber Mrs W Hunt
Mr T Harflett Mr T Perry
Mrs J Carpenter Mr N Cooper
Mr M Dobbs Mrs M Open
Mrs D Ellis

Rev J Samways (Chair)

Mr P Craig (Secretary)

Apologies: Rev A Chalkley Rev J Warren
Mr I Crook Mr A Taylor
Mr J Nockels Rev D Brinn
Mrs R Fenton Mrs A Steele
Rev N Maxted Rev C Walker
Mr G Owen

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From: Mr P Craig

Subject: FACT AGM 2014

Date of Meeting: Thursday 1 May 2014

Time: 7.15 for 7.30pm

Location: The Bennet Centre (with grateful thanks to Colin), St John's, Frome

1 Welcome

John thanked everyone for attending and introduced the purpose of this the 2014 AGM. John noted the earlier rainbow – God's promise of a blessing on our meeting! A period of worship followed. John, speaking from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, invited us to resolve to work and pray together and to encourage each other. Though widely spread out across the community, in the words of Paul, may we "grow in the riches of Christ" together.

2 Minutes of the FACT AGM 2013

Mrs Caudwell proposed (and was seconded) that the minutes were a true record of the last AGM.

3 Overview of the past year's achievements

All of last year's activities were considered largely successful.

3.1 Finances

The Treasurer's Report was received (Appendix 1). The FACT General Fund balance at the end of the year was £3680.

It was later agreed:

- a) To pay £150 to the Holiday Bible Club to help resource their summer programme
- b) That advertisements for Christmas and Easter should be paid from subscriptions.



3.2 Website

The new website has had over 4,500 visits since its introduction last year and is regularly viewed on a daily basis.

It was agreed that:

- a) A link to the currently hidden “internal FACT” agenda page should be added to the home page banner on the basis that we should be able to be open about how we work
- b) We should all look at the website at least weekly to keep up to date.

3.3 FACT Events

- a) Frome Show

It was agreed that, rather than paying for our own tent, we would contribute to the Postlebury tent instead.

- b) Alphas

Very encouraging Reports were received from both the Beckington and Frome Alpha Courses (Appendix 2).

- c) United Service

The Rook Lane venue was considered particularly good.

- d) Riding Lights
- e) Advent
- f) WPCU
- g) Lent/Easter

A Report was received regarding the Lent Lunch activities (Appendix 3).

3.4 Hope Frome Report

A Report was received from HOPE Frome (Appendix 4). It was noted that more volunteers are still needed. We need to consider whether FACT is supporting HOPE Frome as much as is possible, noting the last paragraph of their report in particular.

3.5 Holiday Bible Club

A Report was received from the Holiday Bible Club (Appendix 5). See the agreements noted above under Finance.

3.6 HOTS

Although no Report was received this time, it was again noted that more volunteers are needed here too.

3.7 Hospital Chaplaincy

It was noted that a regional coordinating chaplain is to be appointed, following which local arrangements will be confirmed.

3.8 Christian Comment

Mr J Parsons organises this rota.

3.9 Food Bank and YMCA

A Report was received covering both activities (Appendix 6).

3.10 Filling Station

This was considered a blessing in 2013-2014.

3.11 Youth Worker Proposals

The current proposal is that the Youth Worker will be employed by a church (currently Holy Trinity) with a proportion of his/her time ear-marked for general FACT activities (e.g. schools work) supported by our contribution. The status of the proposals is that the vacancy is to be advertised shortly in all the supporting churches.

4 Elections

4.1 FACT officers were elected/confirmed for 2014-2015 as follows:

- a) Chairman: Rev John Samways
- b) Vice Chair: to be decided
- c) Treasurer: Ian Crook
- d) Web Site Manager/Secretary: Peter Craig
- e) Independent Examiner: to be confirmed (if required)
- f) Custodians (and “troubleshooters”): J Caudwell, T Harflett plus the Chairman

4.2 John thanked Janet Caudwell, Maurice Dobbs and Rev Martin Weymont for all their past work.

5 Looking Forward/Plans

5.1 It was agreed to hold a Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at St John’s Church on the 1st Saturday of each month from 8.45-9.30am, starting 3 May 2014.

5.2 Christian Aid Week will include a daily collection at Sainsbury’s from 11th -17th May. Please contact Jean Frazer (473302) if you can help for an hour.

5.3 A Pentecost Service will be held on Sunday 8 June at 3.45pm. The gathering will be held in the market area outside Cheese and Grain – an opportunity to praise God and pray His blessing upon the town and surrounding villages.

5.4 Frome Festival Events are planned as follows:

- a) Friday 4 July at Merlin Theatre
- b) Food Festival Saturday 5 July
- c) Rook Lane Arts Tuesday 8 July.

Further details will be announced in due course. See www.simeonwood.com for a foretaste.

- 5.5 An autumn FACT Alpha course is planned for 23rd September to 9th December 2014 to be led by Phil Gray. The venue is to be confirmed.
- 5.6 The United Service will now be held on Sunday 12th October (moved from 5th discussed at the meeting) at Rook Lane Arts at 6.30pm.
- 5.7 A FACT Teaching Day will be held on Saturday 18th October at which Rev Canon Michael Mitton will present 'Dreaming of Home' based on the story of the prodigal son. The venue is Norton St Philip.
- 5.8 The usual events at Advent, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and at Lent/Easter are planned to continue.

6 AOB

- 6.1 Meetings were also agreed as follows:
 - a) FACT Exec Meetings:
 - i. Thursday 18 Sept (focusing on business, mid year review),
 - ii. Thurs 15 January (focused on vision and panning)
 - iii. Thurs 7 May 2015 (AGM)
 - b) FACT Leaders Meetings:
 - i. Thursday 3 July
 - ii. Monday 15 September, and
 - iii. Monday 12 January 2015 (times to be confirmed).
- 6.2 John invited everyone to pledge to pray for FACT daily.
- 6.3 John thanked all for attending and closed the meeting in prayer at 9.30pm.
- 6.4 Finally, a vote of thanks to John was proposed.

Appendices

1 Treasurer's Report and Accounts

2 Beckington Alpha Course Report

3 Lent Lunches Report

4 HOPE Frome Report

5 Holiday Bible Club Report

6 Foodbank and YMCA Reports